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## E-Rate Form 470 Filing Window Open (FY 2022-2023)

The FCC's E-Rate program makes internet services more affordable for schools and libraries. With funding from the Universal Service Fund (<a href="fcc.gov/general/universal-service-fund">fcc.gov/general/universal-service-fund</a>), E-Rate provides discounts for monthly Internet access as well as internal connections to eligible schools and libraries.



The ongoing proliferation of innovative digital learning technologies and the need to connect library patrons and consumers to jobs, life-long learning, and information have led to a steady rise in demand for bandwidth in libraries. Participating in the federal funding program called E-Rate will help your library save between 60 -80% on the library's monthly internet bill.

The Form 470 is the first of three forms which must be filed in order to be eligible for this funding. This form opens the required bidding process to let internet vendors know that you are seeking service for your library. The window to file is open now, and will likely remain open into the first part of February (the close date is yet to be determined by the FCC). Don't delay...file now!

Your district LRT is ready and able to set up an appointment to walk you through this form via our Teamviewer screen share.

If you would like to set up an appointment to file this form please contact your district LRT.

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